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SUMMARY: QADHAFI REPORTS TO RCC AND NATION RESULTS OF
MOSCOW TRIP (REFTELS). REPORT STRESSES PROFOUND LIBYAN
SATISFACTION OF CREATING STRONG FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE
RELATIONS BETWEEN SOVIETS, LIBYA AND OTHER ARAB NATIONS.
LOCAL MEDIA CONTINUES TO GIVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO
QADHAFI TRIP. COMMENT: SOME LOCAL DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS
FROM CONSERVATIVE ARAB COUNTRIES VIEW WITH ALARM PRESENT
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LIBYAN DRIFT TOWARDS SOVIET CAMP. END SUMMARY.

1. RCC CHAIRMAN COLONEL QADHAFI CONVENED HIS
REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND COUNCIL WITHIN DAYS OF HIS
RETURN FROM MOSCOW TO REPORT ON WHAT SUBSEQUENT RCC
STATEMENT DESCRIBED AS "HISTORIC EVENT IN ARAB-SOVIET

RELATIONS." RCC STATEMENT ISSUED AFTER MEETING STATED THAT LIBYAN GOVERNMENT RECEIVED "PROFOUND" SATISFACTION FROM SUCCESS OF TRIP AND ITS "POSITIVE CONSEQUENCES WHICH FORM A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR STRATEGIC RELATIONS BETWEEN LIBYA, THE ARAB NATION AND THE SOVIET UNION." THE STATEMENT INDICATED THAT "IN LINE WITH NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES THE COUNCIL REALIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF SUPPORTING RELATIONS OF THE ARAB NATION AND ITS REVOLUTIONARY FORCES WITH THE SOVIET UNION IN ORDER TO REPEL THE FEROCIOUS, IMPERIALISTIC AND REACTIONARY ATTACKS AGAINST OUR NATION." STATEMENT INDICATED THAT AS A RESULT OF THIS RESPONSIBILITY THE COUNCIL ASSERTS ITS STEADY AND CONSISTENT READINESS TO GIVE THIS FRIENDSHIP ITS STRATEGIC DIMENSION AND DEPTH, BECAUSE THE COUNCIL BELIEVES THERE ARE PRINCIPLES AND CONCEPTS FROM WHICH THIS FRIENDSHIP DERIVES WHICH RELATE TO ARAB NATION'S CONSCIENTIOUS AND RESPONSIBLE MOVEMENT."

2. LIBYAN MEDIA CONTINUES TO GIVE EXTENSIVE PRESS COVERAGE OF COL. QADHAFI'S MOSCOW TRIP. QADHAFI'S VISIT ALSO RECEIVED EXTENSIVE FILM COVERAGE WHICH HAS BEEN TELEVIZED DAILY SINCE HIS RETURN.

COMMENT: EXTENSIVE MEDIA COVERAGE OF QADHAFI'S TRIP IS READILY UNDERSTANDABLE. IT ATTEMPTS TO BOOST QADHAFI'S IMAGE DOMESTICALLY WHILE AT THE SAME TIME ATTEMPTED TO PROJECT LIBYA INTO THE AREANA OF INTERNATIONAL ARAB AFFAIRS. SOME OBSERVERS BELIEVE RCC REPORT AND MEDIA COVERAGE IS AN ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE CONSERVATIVE AND TRADITIONAL LIBYAN SOCIETY THAT PRESENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OVERTURES TOWARDS SOVIET UNION AND SUBSEQUENT ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL AGREEMENTS ARE NECESSARY FOR LIBYA'S DEVELOPMENT DESPITE COMMUNIST AND ATHEISTIC CHARACTER OF SOVIET REGIME. COVERAGE HAS PROVOKED SOME CONCERN AMONGST CONSERVATIVE ARAB DIPLOMATS HERE THAT QADHAFI IS MOVING PRECIPITOUSLY TOWARDS THE SOVIET CAMP. THIS OBSERVATION IS MADE IN LIGHT OF QADHAFI'S PREVIOUS CATEGORICAL CONDEMNATION OF SOVIET COMMUNISM AND OF SOVIET ATTEMPTS TO ESTABLISH PRESENCE IN MEDITERREAN.

UNDOUBTEDLY MEDIA COVERAGE IS DESIGNED TO PREPARE LOCAL POPULACE FOR GROWING PRESENCE OF SOVIET CITIZENRY RESULTING FROM RECENTLY SIGNED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS IN MOSCOW. WHILE QADHAFI HAS UNQUESTIONABLY MADE DECISION TO PROCURE SOVIET AND EASTERN BLOC AID WHICH IS NOT FORTHCOMING FROM THE WEST, WE DOUBT THAT HIS MOSCOW VISIT IS MOTIVATED BY

IDEOLOGICAL DEVIATION FROM ISLMAIC FUNDAMENTALISM
AS MUCH AS A PRAGMATIC SEARCH FOR ALTERNATIVE
SOURCE OF THE GOODS AND SERVICES REQUIRED FOR
LIBYA'S DEVELOPMENT.
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